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REPRESENTING AUDIO AND/OR VISUAL PROGRAMMING

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED DECEMBER 24, 2008

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 24, 2008 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following five groups of claims:

Group I – Claims 1-2, 5-23, 30-31, 40-41, and 51-67, drawn to system, method or computer readable medium for providing tokens as an e-mail attachment and selectively combine at least two segments based upon viewing characteristics comprising an age of user, classified in class 725, subclass 46.

Group II – Claims 24-29 drawn to system for providing program criteria and tracking the number of times the token is transmitted, classified in class 725, subclass 9.

Group III – Claims 32-34, 36-39, 46, and 48-50, drawn to method for providing criteria to facilitate programming of a recording comprising authenticating and verifying e-mail token and e-mail address, classified in class 725, subclass 9.

Group IV – Claim 42, drawn to a system to facilitate remote programming of a recording system comprising storing advertisements that are selectively inserted between the program segments based on the tracked user selection, classified in class 725, subclass 32.

Group V – Claim 44, drawn to a user interface, classified in class 725, subclass 39.

Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 1-2, 5-23, 30-31, 40-41, and 51-67, drawn to system, method or computer readable medium for providing tokens as an e-mail attachment and selectively combine at least two segments based upon viewing characteristics comprising an age of user, classified in class 725, subclass 46) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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